

[SIDBI Exam 2016]

November current affairs

1) The new website launched by the the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change especially for the purpose of putting up India's stands and efforts till Paris Summit

-justclimateaction.org

2) The former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India who has been appointed as an Executive Director on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

-Subir Gokarn

3) The new Chairman of International Cricket Council to replace outgoing Chairman N Srinivasan

-Shashank Manohar

4) The annual exercise of the Indian Air Force conducted to work up the full spectrum of IAF capability and undertake planned operations in response to likely future threats and operational contingencies which concluded on 08 Nov 15 was named

-Exercise Livewire

5) The social media company which has crossed General Electric company in market valuation and has become the seventh most valuable company in the Standard & Poor's 500

-Facebook

6) The quantum of Swachh Bharat cess which the Govt of India has decided to levy on all services liable to service tax with effect from 15 November 2015

-0.5 %

7) The scheme for financial turnaround and revival of Power Distribution companies (DISCOMs) which has been approved by the Union Cabinet is named

-UDAY (Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojna)

8) The senior most judge of the Supreme Court who has been nominated to be the next Chief Justice of India on 02 Dec 2015

-T.S. Thakur

9) The rank of India as per annual report on the world's most valuable nation brands of world's leading independent brand valuation and strategy consultancy, Brand Finance

-Seventh

Top 7 countries: United States, China, Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, France and India.

Among BRICS nations: India is the second most valued brand country among BRICS emerging economies after China and followed by Brazil, Russia and South Africa.

10) The Argentine football player who has been chosen as the Global Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors

-Lionel Messi

11) The Indian businessman and founder and chairman of Hero Motocorp (Hero Group of companies) who passed away on 01 November 2015

-Brijmohan Lall Munjal

12) New Zealand wins 2015 Rugby World Cup,

New Zealand has won the 2015 Rugby World Cup for record third time by defeating Australia.

13) Indian Railways launches Vikalp scheme for waitlisted passengers

Under the scheme Waitlisted passengers will get confirmed accommodation in next alternative train if they opt for it while booking their tickets online.

14) **BrahMos missile successfully test-fired from INS Kochi**

About INS Kochi

7,500-tonne indigenously developed warship and was inducted into Indian Navy on September 30, 2015.

It has new design concepts for stealth, manoeuvrability and survivability.

It can carry total 16 BrahMos missiles in two 8-cell vertical launch systems along with other modern weapons and sensors.

About BrahMos missile

BrahMos supersonic cruise missile designed and developed by BrahMos Aerospace, a joint venture of India and Russia. Missile's name has been derived from the names of two rivers, India's Brahmaputra River and Russia's Moskva River.

It is capable of being launched from land, sea, sub-sea and air against sea and land targets.

15) Maharashtra Government approves APJ **Abdul Kalam Amrut Yojna**

Maharashtra Government has approved APJ Abdul Kalam Amrut Yojna scheme to provide one full hot cooked nutritious food to pregnant, lactating women in the tribal areas.

16) **Heena Sidhu** wins Gold medal at 13th Asian Shooting Championships

17) **WHO officially declares Sierra Leone Ebola-free**

Now, Sierra Leone's neighbour Guinea is the only western African country still having few reported cases Ebola since the deadly outbreak began in December 2013.

18) **PM Narendra Modi ranks 9th in 2015 Forbes' World's Most Powerful Person**

Forbes The World's Most Powerful People 2015 RANKING



#1

Vladimir Putin



#6

Bill Gates



#2

Angela Merkel



#7

Janet Yellen



#3

Barack Obama



#8

David Cameron



#4

Pope Francis



#9

Narendra Modi



#5

Xi Jinping



#10

Larry Page

19) **Justin Trudeau** sworn in as Prime Minister of Canada

20) **RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan appointed as Vice Chairman of BIS**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan has been appointed as vice chairman of the board of directors of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). With this, he became the first Indian to be appointed to this position in the BIS and shall have tenure of three years starting from 10 November 2015.

21) Pakistan and China kicked off their ambitious 46 billion US Dollar China- Pakistan economic corridor (CPEC) project.

About CPEC Project:

CPEC seeks to connect the Gwadar port in Pakistan to the Xinjiang region in China by means of highways, airways and railways and also deploy pipeline to transport oil and gas.

The corridor will also act as a trade route for Chinese goods and commodities meant for the Middle East and Africa.

22) Philippines is going to host 2015 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit from 18–19 November 2015 in its capital city Manila for the first time in nearly two decades.

About APEC: APEC is regional economic forum comprising of 21 member countries accounting nearly half of the world's trade and about 57 per cent of global gross domestic product (GDP). It was established in 1989 in order to leverage the growing interdependence of Asia-Pacific region's economies and promote free trade in the region.

23) Union Government launches Three Gold Schemes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three gold related schemes viz Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS), Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme (SGBS) and Indian Gold Coins (IGC).

These ambitious schemes were launched to reduce the physical demand for gold and fish out 20,000 tonnes of the precious metal lying idle with households and institutions.

Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) 2015

GMS 2015 will offer option to resident Indians to deposit their precious metal and earn an interest on it and will replace the existing Gold Deposit Scheme (GDS) 1999. All residents can invest in this scheme but are subjected to Know Your Customer (KYC) Scheme.

Scheme tagline: Earn, while you secure.

Implementation: As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directives all Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) will implement GMS 2015.

Deposit limit: Minimum deposit at any one time of raw gold in the forms of bars, coins, jewellery excluding stones and other metals is 30 grams with 995 fineness. There is no maximum limit for the deposit.

Tenure: Banks will accept gold deposits under the Short Term of Bank Deposit (STBD) of 1-3 years, Medium (5-7 years) and Long (12-15 years).

Principal and Interest of the deposit: Banks are free to fix the interest rates and it will be denominated in gold.

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme (SGBS) 2015

Seeks to shift part of physical gold in form of bars and coins for investment into Demat (Dematerialized) gold bonds in order to reduce the demand for physical gold.

These gold bonds are interest bearing and will be payable in terms of grams of gold.

Scheme tagline: Invest wisely. Earn Safely.

Minimum investment: 2 grams of physical gold; Maximum investment: 500 grams.

Issuing Bonds: RBI on behalf of Union Government will issue the Gold bonds in the denominations of one gram and its multiples.

Tenure of Gold bonds: 8 years is maximum tenure. But there is exit option from 5th year can be exercised on interest payments dates.

Tradable and Exchangeable: These bonds are available in DEMAT and paper form. It can be tradable in stock exchange and can be used as collateral for loans.

Indian Gold Coin 2015

It is Indian's first ever Indian gold coin and bullion to be officially issued by Union Government.

The gold coins will bear national emblem Ashok Chakra on one side and Mahatma Gandhi's engraved image on the other side.

Denominations: The coins will be available in denominations of 5 and 10 grams and a 20 gram bullion.

Available at: 125 Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC) of India outlets across the country. These coins and bullion are easily liquidated.

24) The venue of tenth G-20 heads of Government summit held from 15 to 16 November 2015

Ans- Antalya, Turkey

Note: The G20 is made up of the finance ministers and central bank governors of 19 countries: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States of America.

25) The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs who has been designated as the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Champion for the Asia Region by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

Ans- Shri Kiren Rijiju

26) The Indian snooker player who has won the 2015 IBSF World Snooker defeating his opponent Zhua Xintong in the final

Ans-Pankaj Advani

27) The Serbian tennis player who has won the ATP World Tour Finals (Men's Singles) for the fourth consecutive time defeating Roger Federer in the finals

Ans-Novak Djokovic

28) The Indian badminton player who has won the Macau Open Grand Prix Gold third time in a row defeating Japan's Minatsu Mitani in the finals

Ans-P.V. Sindhu

29) **Saudi Arabia** for 1st time allows women to vote in local elections

30) **Great Britain** wins 2015 Davis Cup of Tennis

31) **Nico Rosberg** wins 2015 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix title of F1.

He won Spain, Monaco, Australian, Mexican, and Brazilian Grand Prix too in this year.

32) ICC suspends West Indies spinner **Sunil Narine** for illegal bowling action

33) Union Government to roll out **BS V norms** from April 1, 2019

Union Government has decided to advance the date for implementation of Bharat Stage (BS) V and BS VI emission norms for four-wheelers in order to reduce vehicular air pollution from road transport sector. As per advance dates, BS V norms will be rolled out from 1st of April, 2019 and BS VI norms from 1st April, 2021.

34) Bihar Government bans sale of liquor from 1st April 2016

37) **Rajiv Bansal** appointed as CFO of OlaCabs

38) **26 November: National Milk Day**

Every year 26 November is being observed as National Milk Day (NMD) to mark birth anniversary Father of the White Revolution Dr. Verghese Kurien.

39) **25th November:** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

40) US drugs giant **Pfizer Inc.** has struck upon a deal to buy Ireland based **Allergan** for 160 billion dollars making it the biggest pharmaceuticals merger deal in history of healthcare sector.

41) **Francois Hollande** to be Chief Guest at 2016 Republic Day celebrations

42) Union HRD Ministry forms **N Gopalaswami Committee** on Sanskrit Promotion

43) **Harshvardhan Neotia** has been elected as the President of industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

44) **UNHCR** chosen for 2015 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has been chosen for the prestigious 2015 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development.

45) 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC) headed by **Justice AK Mathur** has recommended 23.55 percent hike in pay and allowances of government employees. In this regard the commission has submitted its report to Union Finance Ministry in New Delhi and the recommended pay revision will come into effect from 1 January 2016.

46) China's **Tianhe-2** supercomputer has emerged as the world's most powerful supercomputer system for the sixth consecutive time. It was unveiled in 46th edition of Top500 list of supercomputers.

47) Senior Indian diplomat **Syed Akbaruddin** has been appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations at New York.

All the best